

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



## March 24, 2019 Third Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

arr. Broughton

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 63)

Lord, you are our God.

**We will praise you with joyful lips.**

Lord, you are our God.

**Our souls thirst for you.**

Lord, you are our God.

**We behold your power and majesty.**

Lord, you are our God.

**We will bless and praise you all of the days of our lives.**

\*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, as we continue our journey in the season of Lent, we recognize that a contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you, O God. And so we come before you today, as sinners in need of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness, O God. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into newness of life, that our actions and our lives may reflect your love and be found pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

PETITION FOR MERCY

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life.

**May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you.**

Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, and grant us your mercy;

**That we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

It is in the name of Jesus Christ that we are forgiven and loved. Amen.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

\*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)  
The Peace of Christ be with you!  
***And also with you!***

## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Do we, the members of the church, accept these peoples as deacons, elders and trustees, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? ***We do.***

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? ***We do.***

***Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern and minister to your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.***

***In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.***

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts, and spirits this morning to your Holy Word, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 13:1-9

SERMON "God moves... over the fence"

\*HYMN "Just as I Am, without One Plea" 442  
(During the singing of this hymn, the children of the church are invited to come up and sit around the baptismal font while those being baptized gather in the front.)

BAPTISMS Shawn L. Norris, Blake A. Norris, Sydni I. Johnson, Jordan L. Norris

## BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, these brothers and sisters will be received into Christ's church and this congregation has a role in their nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for them? And, do you promise to love them and to assist them in becoming a faithful disciples of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, "We do." ***We Do.***

BAPTISM PRAYER

Pastor Brian Norris

## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

### QUESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? ***I do.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love? ***I will.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? ***I will, with God's help.***

### PROMISE FROM THE CHURCH

To the members of this church: Do you promise to help these new members find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need? ***We promise, with the help of God.***

### THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.***

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

### OFFERING

*(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC (USA) Hunger Fund.)*

### OFFERTORY

“Praise to the Lord!”  
Sarah Wolf, Flutist

arr. Brant Adams

### \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love; use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

(We invite you to stay for the congregational meeting. Ushers will distribute the agenda.)

*HYMN	“Come, Live in the Light” (vs. 1-2)	749
*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING		
*BLESSING RESPONSE	“Come, Live in the Light” (vs. 3)	749
POSTLUDE	“Voluntary”	John Stanley

(\*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30 – Traditional Service (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month)  
9:15 – Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 – Traditional Service & Scout Sunday  
11:30 – Potluck and Fellowship  
7:00 pm – Church@Campus (During the season of Lent)

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings  
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873***

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

**Director of Children & Family**

**Ministries:** Stephanie Brader

**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler

**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson

**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Tim and Teresa Canady

**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver

**Accompanists:** Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

**Parish Associate and Spiritual Formation:** Kili Wenburg

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann

**Interim Director of Adult Education &**

**Fellowship:** Sharon Brooks

**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer

**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**

**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen

**Church Office Administrator:** Jean Matheny

**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun

**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger

**March 24, 2019:**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM is given in memory of D. W. Malouf, Sr. by his loving family.

**Today's service will be broadcast live** on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings) and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village - today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or [jean@fpchastings.org](mailto:jean@fpchastings.org).

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

**Flowers** are given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are located on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office and on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room.

**March Ushers (Team #1):** Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht, Lorna Zajack,

**Greeters Today:** Eleanor Jorgensen, Rich & Carolyn McKenzie

**Acolytes:** Addyson Hermes, Keira Erickson

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

**April Communion Offering goes to Mentoring Works** (formerly known as Big Brothers/Big Sisters) established in 1957 so that all children can achieve success in life.

**Jim Harrenstein Update** Jim is now at home. His recovery is progressing. Cards are still appreciated.

<b>FPC Prayers for:</b>		
Jim Cooke	Jim Harrenstein	Arlene Kort family
Katharine Davis	John Harrington	Sharon Harvey
Zelma Fobben	Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Levi Kaiser
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Danna Wolford & family

*Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.*

**The next Red Cross Blood Drive** will be **Monday, April 1, 2019**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**This Week at FPC --- March 25, 2019 – March 31, 2019**

<b>Mon, Mar 25</b>	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in FPC Annex Gym	
	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in FPC Annex NW Classroom	
<b>Tues, Mar 26</b>	<b>7:00p-9:00p</b>	<b>Boy Scouts Troop 200</b> in Scout Room	
	<b>7:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal</b>	
	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>	
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Room	
	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Quilters</b> meet in FPC Annex	
<b>Wed, Mar 27</b>	<b>7:00p-8:30p</b>	<b>Knit Wits</b> in the Parlor	
	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible @ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor	
	<b>4:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)</b>	
	<b>4:30p-5:30p</b>	<b>Grief Group</b> in the Kessler Room	
	<b>6:00p-6:45p</b>	<b>WNL Family Meal Time</b> <i>All are welcome!</i>	
	<b>6:20p-6:50p</b>	<b>WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells</b>	
	<b>6:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b> meet in Church Basement	
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b>	
	<b>6:50p-7:30p</b>	<b>WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir</b>	
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells</b>	
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</b>	
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</b>	
	<b>Thurs, Mar 28</b>	<b>7:00a-7:45a</b>	<b>Spirituality Lab</b> in the Library
		<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in the FPC Annex Gym
<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>		<b>Spanish Class</b> in Annex NW Classroom	
<b>Fri, Mar 29</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in Youth Activity Room	
<b>Sun, Mar 31</b>	<b>8:30a-9:15a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>	
	<b>9:15 a</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>	
	<b>11:30p</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck</b>	
	<b>7:00 p</b>	<b>Church@Campus</b> HC French Memorial Chapel	



**Scout Information Night** Boys and Girls ages 11 to 18 are invited to attend an informational meeting to join Scouting BSA. Meet troop leaders April 2, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School** "Liking Jesus: Intimacy and Contentment in a Selfie-Centered World" is a study that looks at how social media works in relation to our emotions, relationships, attitude, beliefs and our biblical values.

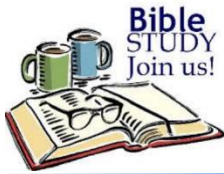


## The Forum

❖ March 31 “Bagels and Banners”

Banners draped from the railings in our Memorial Room provide an intriguing set of symbols connected with the history of Presbyterian creeds. Come learn more about what and who they represent. *Presenter: Rev. Dr. William Nottage-Tacey*

**Knitters and Crocheters** If you like knitting and/or crocheting, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on, or stop in for pointers on how to get started. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!



**Bible @ Breakfast** (Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor) The current study is on the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. Come join this class with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying from scripture in the Old and New Testaments.

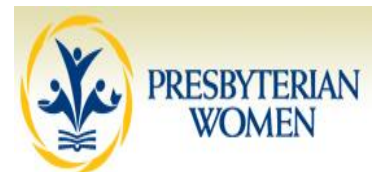
**2nd Semester Grief Group** Find strength and comfort by gathering with others experiencing similar struggles at the loss of a loved one. The grief group for men and women started March 6 at 4:30-5:30 and will continue through Wednesday, April 24 in the Kessler room. The 8 week study will be using the book “Praying our Goodbyes” by Joyce Rupp. Contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

PRAYING  
*Our*  
GOODBYES

## Presbyterian Women.

There will be NO P.W. luncheon in April. Instead please attend the Sermons a La Carte – 2019 Theme: The Way of Love Practices for a Jesus Centered Life. Please join us at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral on Wednesdays during Lent from 12:05 p.m.-12:30p.m. for a Lenten message followed by lunch (\$4. per person).

- ✓ Circle I will meet April 17-9:30am in the Library  
(Hostess-Jean Barber; Lesson-Peggy Thomson)
- ✓ Circle II will meet April 17-9:30am  
(Hostess-Sally Smith; Lesson-Mary Jeanne Cooke)
- ✓ Circle III will meet April 17 – 1:15 pm in the Library  
(Hostess-Marie Rasmussen; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)



**P.W. Ladies Spring Salad Luncheon** – Edgar Presbyterian Women invite ALL women to attend the Ladies Spring Salad Luncheon at Noon on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Plains in Edgar, NE. Please RSVP by March 30 by calling 402-224-3111 or 402-224-0800. For more information contact Dixie at 402-541-8782.



**Soup Group for Women** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

April 4 – Giving Unexpected Gratitude to Those Who Need it Most

April 18 – No Soup Group due to Maundy Thursday

May 2 – How Thanking Awakens our Thinking

May 16 – Expressing Gratitude

**Spirituality Lab** Learn and practice together a different form of prayer or meditation at each gathering. Come find the information and support you need for a more interesting and fruitful prayer life. *7:00 a.m., in the Library (New Location).*

- ❖ March 28: Praying with the Lord's prayer  
How does this fit with the season of Lent?

**Register NOW for 2019 Summer Camp Grades 3 - 12,**

**PLUS Intergenerational & Family camps for Adults/Children age 5-12!**

*Benefits of Christian Camping...*



☒ Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment. ☒ Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program ☒ Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally, and physically.

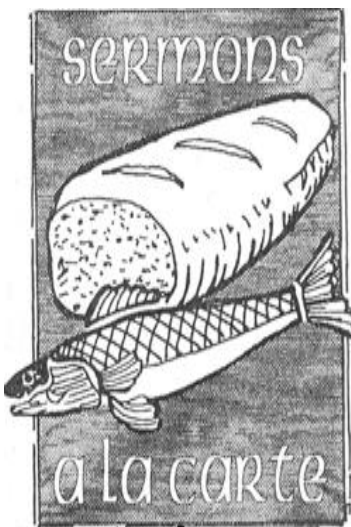
(Supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association) Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are available on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office. Scholarship Applications are also available.

Contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) with any questions.

**Church @ Campus** – Sleep In? Out of town? Wi-Fi Out of Whack? Whatever the reason, if you missed church on Sunday morning, you don't need to worry because during Lent you'll get a second chance (seasonally appropriate, eh?).

Beginning *Sunday, March 10* and continuing through *Lent*, we'll be holding Sunday evening worship services on the campus of Hastings College at *7:00 pm* in *French Memorial Chapel*. The services will be similar to our regular 10:30 a.m. services.

Church @ Campus is open to all who would like to come so feel free to give it a try.



**Sermons a La Carte – 2019 Theme: The Way of Love Practices for a Jesus Centered Life** Please join us at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral on Wednesdays during Lent from 12:05 p.m.-12:30p.m. for a Lenten message followed by lunch. (\$4.00 per person)

- ❖ **March 27** Pastor Dustin Bower (First Christian Church Disciples of Christ); Lunch by First Christian Church
- ❖ **April 3** Pastor Steven Peeler (Lutheran church of the Good Shepherd); Lunch by the Women of Lutheran church of the Good Shepherd
- ❖ **April 10** Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett (First Presbyterian Church); Lunch by the Presbyterian Women





## Hands around the World Store

New shipments have arrived with coffee, tea, spices, scarves, and Easter decorations. Please stop by the store to see all of our New Spring merchandise. Our products from SERRV, Equal Exchange, and Just Coffee are Fair Trade. Behind every product is a story of inspiration, hope, and change - of artisans being able to send their children to school, build a first home, and feel the security of becoming self-sufficient. Your purchase not only helps to lift artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty,

but also supports United Harvest, a local mission, to which our store donates \$100.00 every month. Your purchase makes a difference!



### February Special Attendance Recognition

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. Two children will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their faith growth to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

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| Acolyte (if under 4 <sup>th</sup> grade) | Usher         | Music soloist                      |
| Call to Worship leader                   | Prayer leader | Children's Moment leader or helper |

During the month of February, thirteen (13) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-eight (28) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for February's recognition are Lincoln Welsch (Sunday School) and Grace Brader (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!

### **Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed:**

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 pm for children thru 2nd grade. Donations of individually wrapped candies and/or toys would be greatly appreciated. Drop off your donation in the common office area as soon as possible so that volunteers can begin stuffing eggs. Thank you in advance for your help in making this event a success. Questions? Contact Stephanie Brader at 402-462-5147.



### **In the "Foot steps of Jesus" Journey to the Holy Land**



Spiritual Directors  
Pr. Greg Allen-Pickett



October 04 - October 12 2019

### **Have you ever wanted to visit the Holy Land? Now is your chance!!**

Pastor Greg will be traveling to the Holy Land October 4-12, 2019. The total package includes roundtrip airfare, all accommodations, meals, and eight days of sightseeing. Flyers are located in the office and in the Memorial Room. Questions? Please call the office, time is running out! 5 tickets still available!

## EASTER LILIES



Easter lilies may be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Adams/Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens).

Lily in memory of:

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Lily in honor of:

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Given by:

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I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services:  Yes  No

I will leave my Lily at the church:  Yes  No

\*\*(All lilies left will be delivered to a member of the church who is unable to attend services.)



God on the  
move!

A Lenten Sermon Series

Join us for the Season of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter as we explore God's work through the travels, teachings, death & resurrection of Jesus

**March 10: God moves... in the desert**

Luke 4:1-13

**March 24: God moves... over the fence**

Luke 13:1-9

**March 31: God moves... down the road**

Luke 15:11-32

**April 14: God moves... to the cross**

Luke 19:28-40 (Palm Sunday)

**April 18: God moves... showing us what love looks like**

John 13:1-17, 31-35 (Maundy Thursday)

**April 19: God moves... to the end**

John 18:1-19:42 (Good Friday)

**April 21: God moves... out of the tomb!**

Luke 24:1-12 (Easter Sunday)